Active and Passive Voice – Present Continuous Tense

Active sentences in the present continuous tense have the following structure:
**Subject + is/are/am + -ing form of the verb + object**

Passive sentences in the present continuous tense have the following structure:
**Object of the active sentence + is/are/am + being + past participle form of the verb + by + subject of the active sentence.**

Examples are given below.

Active: I **am reading** a story.
Passive: A story **is being read** by me.
Active: The engine **is driving** the train.
Passive: The train **is being driven** by the engine.
Active: She **is singing** a song.
Passive: A song **is being sung** by her.
Active: The carpenter **is making** furniture.
Passive: Furniture **is being made** by the carpenter.

**When the verb is followed by a preposition**

Read the sentence given below:

My mother **is talking to** a stranger.
Here the noun **a stranger** is the object of the preposition **to**, and not the verb talking. But this sentence can be changed into the passive:

Passive: A stranger **is being talked to** by my mother.
Active: The children **are laughing at** the old beggar.
Passive: The old beggar **is being laughed at** by the children.
Active: I **am waiting for** him.
Passive: He **is being waited for** by me.

**Changing a negative sentence into the passive**

When a negative sentence is changed into the passive, **not** will come between **is/am/are** and **being**.

Active: She **is not writing** a story.
Passive: A story **is not being written** by her.

**Changing an interrogative sentence into the passive**

The passive forms of these sentences will begin with **be (is/am/are)**. When the active sentence begins with a question word such as **when, whose, why, which and how**, the
passive sentence will also begin with a question word. When the active sentence begins with **who** or **whose**, the passive sentence will begin with **by whom** or **by whose**. When the active sentence begins with **whom**, the passive sentence will begin with **who**.

Active: *Are the masons building a house?*
Passive: *Is a house being built by the masons?*
Active: *Who is waiting for you?*
Passive: *By whom are you being waited for?*
Active: *Whom are you waiting for?*
Passive: *Who is being waited for by you?*
Active: *Why is he not learning his lessons?*
Passive: *Why are his lessons not being learnt by him?*
Active: *Whose father is helping you?*
Passive: *By whose father are you being helped?*